(c) whether it is also a fact that the facts of the case are available in the Ministry's vigilance department file No. C-13015|60|83-AVII dated the 28th September, 1983, 1505|VIP|87 MS (UD) of 11th August, 1987; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Complaints addressed to the Ministry of Urban Development as also those addressed to the Prime Minister were received from the Hindustan Prefab Limited Staff Association. It is not a recognised Association. Allegations of corruption, communal discrimination and other irregularities in the Company have been made in the complaint.

Departmental investigation, as well as investigation through the Central Bureau of Investigation, had been conducted regarding the matter. After ivestigation, almost all the allegations have been found to be baseless excepting one. Suitable action is being taken.

Disputes of ALIMCO Workers

2590. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a dispute of ALIMCO Workers' Union (INTUC), Kanpur in Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation, Kanpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Registrar of trade unions, Kanpur has investigated the dispute;

(d) if so, whether Registrar has clearly declared a set of office bearers of ALIMCO Workers as duly elected;

(e) if so, which set of Office-bearers have been recognised; and

(f) if the Registrar of trade unions have not made clear judgement about the office-bearers then what are the reasons for reported recognition to a particular set of office bearers by the management?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, there was a dispute over the election of executives of the ALIMCO Workers, Union (INTUC) held on 21.5.1988 for the year 1988.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) In the order dated 8-9-1988, the Registrar of Trade Unions Uttar Pradesh has ruled that the election of the office bearers, not having been held through secret ballot as provided in the Constitution of the Union, was not valid. Accordingly, no set of office bearers could be registered for 1988.

Aluminium plant set up at Damanjodi in Orissa

2591. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aluminium plant set up by National Aluminium Company at Damanjodi in Orissa is posing a serious health hazard to thousands of people in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have issued any direction to NALCO in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details theroef?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of projects under RLEGP in Orissa

2592. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa had sent a proposal in 1988-89 for their implementation under RLEGP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many of the projects were approved by Government and included under RLEGP; and

(d) the amount sanctioned for those proposals and steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Fourteen project proposals under the RLEGP were received from Government of Orissa during 1988-89. The list of project proposals received is enclosed as statement (See below) Eight of these proposal were approved by the Government of India. The remaining ones could not be approved for want of certain details and deficiencies in the proposals.

(d) The cost of projects approved comes to Rs. 2714.945 lakhs under the RLEGP. The resources released to Orissa during the year under the programme including the value of food-grains come to Rs. 3690.16 lakhs.

Statement

List of proposals received under RLEGP from Government of Orissa during 1988-89

1. Construction of multipurpose community centres in 5 districts.
2. Construction of water-harvesting structures in Kalahandi District as part of ADAPT plan.
3. Construction of rainwater harvesting structures in Kalahandi and Koraput districts as part of ADAPT plan.
4. Construction of multipurpose community centres in Dhankenal district.
5. Construction of primary school buildings.
6. Rehabilitation and restocking of degraded forests.
7. Construction of embankment for protection of plantation in Puri District.
8. Construction of houses for SC/ST under Indira Awaas Yojana.
9. Improvement to approach roads.
10. Improvement of tanks in Phulbani district and renovation of inundaition channel in Gunjam district.
11. Construction of Ekamara Lake-phase II.
12. Eco-regeneration of Chandaka Forest area.
13. Project for raising of fruit and forest Plantation for the community.
14. Renovation of derelict and partly derelict minor irrigation works.

Development of mineral resources in the country

2593. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for expeditious development of the mineral resources in the country;

(b) whether the existing Mines and Minerals (R&D) Act is not able to help in the above matters; and

(c) if so, whether Government have a proposal to bring a comprehensive legislation amending the existing Act?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) There is a sustained and continuous effort to explore and assess fresh mineral resources. Based on the data generated by the Geological Survey of India, State Directorates of Mining and Geology, Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. and various public sector and private mining organisations, the Indian Bureau of Mines are maintaining a national inventory of minerals which Includes information on location of mineral deposits, physical and chemical characteristics of ore samples and the extent of reserves. This information is made available to entrepreneurs on payment of nominal charges. The Laboratories and Pilot Plants of the Bureau located